

Appln. No.: 09/768,016
Supplemental Amendment Dated March 10, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of new drawings are submitted per the request of the examiner.

Attachment

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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-18 and 28-48 have been canceled. Claims 19-27 are pending in the application, claims 28-37 being cancelled in this supplemental response. Claim 19 has been amended.

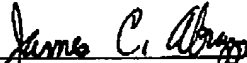
Applicants' attorneys thank Examiner Tran for speaking with them on March 2, 2006 and March 8, 2006, the result of which is Applicants' submission of this Supplemental Amendment. As discussed with the Examiner, in order to expedite prosecution of claims deemed previously allowable over the cited art, but rejected for formalities, Applicants have amended claim 19 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have also canceled claims 28-37, without prejudice to filing these claims in a continuation application. Finally, as requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the specification to remove the graphs from the body of the specification and have included these graphs as figures in the drawing. Applicants have amended the specification accordingly to reflect the amendments to the specification and the addition of the drawing.

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Conclusion

As indicated by the Examiner, with these amendments to the specification and claims, Applicants believe the application, including claims 19-27, is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. However, should there be any remaining issues that would prevent the application from being in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact his attorneys to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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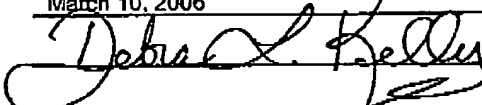
Attachment: Drawing (4 Sheets)

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